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1. A form editing method of editing composite form data to be synthesized with field data, the composite form data being obtained as a combination of component form data, comprising the steps of:
  - (a) loading, as component data of interest, one of the component form data contained in the composite form data in a predetermined order;
  - (b) uniquely ordering fields contained in the component form data of interest loaded in the step (a);  
and
  - (c) displaying the field contained in the component form data of interest in an order determined in the step (b),
- 15 wherein the steps (a) to (c) are repeated for all the component form data contained in the composite form data.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein attributes of the fields uniquely ordered in a page of interest are displayed as a list uniquely corresponded to the unique order in the page of interest.
- 20 3. The method according to claim 2, wherein, when a component form contained in the list is edited during display of the list, the fields in the page of interest are reordered on the basis of the edited component form, and the list is displayed again.

4. The method according to claim 2, wherein, when  
a desired field is selected from the list and an  
attribute of the selected field is designated, a  
component form having the selected field is displayed as  
5 an editing target.

5. The method according to claim 4, wherein other  
component forms contained in the page of interest are  
displayed to be distinguishable from the component form  
containing the selected field.

10 6. A form editing apparatus for editing composite  
form data to be synthesized with field data, the  
composite form data being obtained as a combination of  
component form data, comprising:

loading means for loading, as component data of  
15 interest, one of the component form data contained in  
the composite form data in a predetermined order;

ordering means for uniquely ordering fields  
contained in the component form data of interest loaded  
by the read means; and

20 display means for displaying the field contained  
in the component form data of interest in an order  
determined by the ordering means.

7. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein  
attributes of the fields uniquely ordered in a page of  
25 interest are displayed as a list uniquely corresponded  
to the unique order in the page of interest.

8. The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein,  
when a component form contained in the list is edited  
during display of the list, the fields in the page of  
interest are reordered on the basis of the edited  
5 component form, and the list is displayed again.

9. The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein,  
when a desired field is selected from the list and an  
attribute of the selected field is designated, a  
component form having the selected field is displayed as  
10 an editing target.

10. The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein  
other component forms contained in the page of interest  
are displayed to be distinguishable from the component  
form containing the selected field.

15 11. A computer program product loadable to a  
computer memory, comprising program codes for executing  
the steps of:

- (a) loading, as component data of interest, one of  
the component form data contained in a composite form  
20 data in a predetermined order;
- (b) uniquely ordering fields contained in the  
component form data of interest loaded in the step (a);
- (c) displaying a field contained in the component  
form data of interest in an order determined in the step  
25 (b), and
- (d) repeating the steps (a) to (c) for all the

component form data contained in the composite form data.

12. The product according to claim 11, wherein attributes of the fields uniquely ordered in a page of interest are displayed as a list uniquely corresponded 5 to the unique order in the page of interest.

13. The product according to claim 12, wherein, when a component form contained in the list is edited during display of the list, the fields in the page of interest are reordered on the basis of the edited component form, 10 and the list is displayed again.

14. The product according to claim 12, wherein, when a desired field is selected from the list and an attribute of the selected field is designated, a component form having the selected field is displayed as 15 an editing target.

15. The product according to claim 14, wherein other component forms contained in the page of interest are displayed to be distinguishable from the component form containing the selected field.

20 16. A computer-readable storage medium storing the computer program product defined in claim 11.